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VIA FACSIMILE (212) 805-7901 Honorable Harold Baer United States District Court

United States District Court Southern District of New York 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007 WOO IS SOLD

U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE S.D.N.Y.

Re: <u>United States v. Johnny Rivera</u>
08 Cr. 78 (HB)

The Hon. Judge Baer:

As counsel of record for Johnny Rivera I am writing to request an adjournment of sentencing scheduled for September 4, 2008. The government, through Assistant United States Attorney Todd Blanche, consents to this request for an adjournment.

I make this request for an adjournment as we need more time to review Mr. Rivera's paperwork. Additionally, Mr. Rivera's brother, who is in the United States Army, would like to attend sentencing and must give advanced notice to the supervising officers on his Army base. For both of the above reasons, we request an adjournment of sentencing to a date after October 6, 2008.

To that end, we request that the time between today and the next court date be excluded under the Speedy Trial Act, pursuant to Title 18, United States Code, section 3161(h)(8)(A). Excluding time will best serve the ends of justice and outweigh the best interests of the public and the defendant in a speedy trial, because it will allow the defense to review discovery and determine what motions, if any, are necessary. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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